

HOUSE RESOLUTION 235

By Terry

A RESOLUTION to commend Stephen Ellison Duke for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Ellison Duke is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Representative Bryan Terry, Representative David Alexander, and Representative Marc Gravitt; Mr. Duke's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Middle Tennessee State University, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Stephen Duke has achieved academic success while participating in numerous extracurricular activities; he serves as treasurer of College Republicans, treasurer of Blue Raider Debaters, vice president of Alumni Relations, and vice president of Finance for Interfraternal Council; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Stephen Duke brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2016 session of the One Hundred Ninth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2016 legislative session, Stephen Duke has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Duke has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend

Stephen Ellison Duke for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Bryan Terry, Representative David Alexander, and Representative Marc Gravitt, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.